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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT TO SECSTATE WASHDC INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA
AMEMBASSY SAIGON AMCONSUL HONG KONG USLO PEKING FROM AMEMBASSY
TAIPEI DTG R 190825Z APR 75

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SUBJECT: ROC MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE SPRATLEYS

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1. ALUSNA TAIPEI IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ROCN ACTING CHIEF
OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE APRIL 19 CONFIRMED INFORMATION
REPORTED IN REFS B AND C THAT ROCN HAS NO RPT NO SHIPS
OF ANY DESCRIPTION OPERATING IN SPRATLEYS AND DID NOT
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RPT NOT PARTICIPATE IN ALLEGED SEIZURE OF PUGAD. REF B
CLEARLY STATES QUOTE NO ROCN SHIPS ARE STATIONED IN
THE SPRATLEYS AND ROCN SHIPS NORMALLY DEPLOY TO THE
SPRATLEYS ONLY DURING RESUPPLY/TROOP ROTAION OPERAIONS

WHICH OCCUR EVERY THREE MONTHS. THE MOST RECENT SUCH DEPLOYMENT OF TWO LST'S, ONE PF AND ONE DE, RETURNED TO TAIWAN FROM A SPRATLEY RESUPPLY MISSION ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975 UNQUOTE. EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION ROCN INFORMATION ON ABOVE POINTS.

2. FYI: IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION OF APRIL 19, CITED PARA ONE, ROCN SOURCE TOLD ALUSNA THAT ROC FORCES ON ITU ABA SIGHTED A SVN PF ON APRIL 17 PATROLLING IN THE VICINITY OF NAMYIT ISLAND (NAMYIT IS WITHIN VISUAL RANGG OF ITU ABA). ROCN FURTHER BELIEVES TBWO ISLANDS SOUTH OF ITU ABA (SAND CAY AND NAMYAT) ARE STILL OCCUPIED BY SVN FORCES. ROC FORCES ON ITU ABA HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY ROCN HC TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THESE TWO ISLANDS; TO DATE ROCN HAS TAKEN NO RPT NO OTHER ACTION.

3. IN INTEREST OF KEEPING CINCPAC FULLY INFORMED, DEPT. MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS AND RELATED MESSAGES TO CINCPAC (AND DIA). UNGER
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